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POST OFFICE WINDOW CLERK CONVICTED OF EMBEZZLEMENT AND THEFT OF OVER \$38,000 IN CASH

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced that STEPHEN DOUGLAS MARTIN, 56, of Sacramento, Calif., pleaded guilty this morning to theft and fraud before United States District Judge Lawrence K. Karlton.

The case was investigated by the United States Postal Service's Office of the Inspector General.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who is prosecuting the case, MARTIN pleaded guilty to embezzlement of postal funds, theft of government money, making false reports on government accounting forms, and theft of postal money orders. He committed the felony theft and fraud offenses while employed as a window clerk at Sacramento's Historic Metro Station Post Office, 801 I Street, Sacramento, Calif.

MARTIN had been employed with the U.S. Postal Service for approximately 24 years. His duties included responsibility for counter transactions, post office money, meter stamp refunds, and money orders. He was also responsible for reporting cash transactions into a daily record. From June 4, 2007 to March 3, 2008, he stole \$38,242.20 in U.S. Postal funds and U.S. money and then submitted false daily records. He also made false entries into the Metro Post Office's point of sales (POS) system in order to decrease the amount of cash he needed to report on his daily record.

The maximum penalty MARTIN faces is 35 years in prison, restitution, and a fine of up to \$1,000,000. The actual sentence, however, will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables and any applicable statutory sentencing factors. Sentencing is scheduled for November 25, 2008.

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